

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL ASMARA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 2596

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0232

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CASC, ET

SUBJECT: TENNECO FIVE

REF: ASMARA 227, 219, 211

1. AN ELF MESSAGE OF 30 MARCH CONTAINED TWO IMPORTANT POINTS.

1) THAT THE ELF IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE IEG FOR  
RELEASE OF THEIR HOSTAGES, AND 2) THAT ANY RETALIATION AGAINST  
THE ELF OR THE VILLAGERS IN THE AREA WOULD JEOPARDIZE HOSTAGES.  
THE MESSAGE WAS RADIOED FROM A POLICE OUTPOST ON 3 APRIL, BUT  
ITS SUBSTANCE WAS GUARDED BY THE IEG UNTIL 6 APRIL. THE TENNECO  
FIVE HAS BEEN SIGHTED MOVING NORTH OF KEREN, ERITREA.

2. AMEMBASSY ADDIS HAS INFORMED BOGAN OF THE ABOVE AND REQUESTED  
THAT HE NOTIFY UNDP, BUT STRESSED THAT THE PRESS SHOULD NOT  
BE INFORMED. THE EMBASSY IS ALSO CONTACTING THE CANADIAN AMBAS-  
SADOR REGARDING THE ABOVE.

3. ON 8 APRIL MR. WYMAN WILL CONTACT FOREIGN MINISTER, TO EXPRESS  
USG'S UNHAPPINESS WITH FOOT DRAGGING IN HANDLING THE MESSAGE AND  
2) TO CLARIFY IEG'S INTENTIONS ON HANDLING THE PROBLEM.  
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